

## SENATE SUMMARY MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2024

### 1. Report of the Chair

The Chair reported the following leadership updates:

- Tania Bubela, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, will be leaving SFU to take a role at the Aga Khan University as the new Provost and Vice-President Academic, effective July 1, 2024. Thanks was expressed to Tania for her work at SFU. A search for a new Dean will be launched soon and a Dean pro tem will be installed in the interim.
- The Dean of Libraries and University Librarian search has commenced, with an Open Forum held on February 29th.
- The search for the Dean of the Beedie School of Business is now in the interview phase, and the Dean of the SFU Medical School is in the final stage of the search process.

The Chair reported that in March, she, in her role as President, and other members of the executive team, attended the annual SFU Awards Gala to celebrate members of the SFU community.

The Chair congratulated this year's Excellence in Teaching Award Winners:

- Tara Holland, Senior Lecturer - Department of Geography and School of Environmental Science;
- Mauve Pagé, Senior Lecturer - Publishing Program;
- Marianne Ignace, Distinguished Professor, Department of Indigenous Studies and Department of Linguistics;
- Tammara Soma, Assistant Professor - School of Resource and Environmental Management;
- Daria Ahrensmeier, Lecturer - Department of Physics;
- Molly McVey, Lecturer, School of Sustainable Energy Engineering.

The Chair congratulated winners of the 2023 Community-Engaged Research Initiative Awards:

- Tammara Soma, Assistant Professor - School of Resource and Environmental Management;
- Nicholas Blomley, Professor - Department of Geography;
- Dana Lepofsky, Professor - Department of Archaeology;
- Meridith Sones, PhD candidate - Faculty of Health Sciences;
- Claire Shapton, recently-graduated Masters of Arts student - Department of Geography;
- Marina Chavez, Masters of Arts student - Department of Geography.

The Chair reported that the joint Board-Senate committee on the SFU Medical School has met twice and thanks was expressed to Senator Brooks-Wilson and Senator Myers for taking on this work.

The Chair shared the latest timelines for the SFU Medical School:

- March 21st – joint Board-Senate working group met, and again on April 3rd;
- March 28th – socialized medical school finances at Board and prepared for a motion to create a medical school;
- Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) received and discussed the Full Program Proposal (FPP) for the Undergraduate Medical Education Program (UGME) on April 4th, and will make a decision on a motion to approve the FPP on April 18th;
- Senate Committee on University Priorities (SCUP) – April 25th and May 8th – will receive documents for creation of a medical school and proposed FPP, then make a decision on motion to approve formation of a medical school and FPP for Doctor of Medicine Degree;
- May 13th – special meeting of Senate – introduce proposal to create a medical school, with budget parameters provided, and to have a first reading of the FPP;
- May 21st – Senate meeting – motion to establish a medical school, and to approve the FPP;
- May 23rd – Board meeting – motion to approve establishment of a medical school;
- Backup approval meetings on June 10th (Senate) and June 27th (Board) if needed;
- Summer – team to seek ministerial approval pursuant to S 29 of the University Act.

## 2. **Report of the Provost**

The Provost reported that SFU is following all the steps to allow full discussion of the program and the potential formation of the medical school and are in the final stages of selecting a dean in preparation for the potential approval.

The Provost reported that SFU is starting to develop, under the leadership of Peter Hall, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Academic, a new academic plan. Efforts will be made to ensure that all voices that are needed to be heard during this process are heard and that the new academic plan becomes a main driver of What's Next: The SFU Strategy.

## 3. **Dissolution of the Indigenous Studies and Linguistics Joint Major (S.24-47)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Indigenous Studies and Linguistics Joint Major in the Department of Indigenous Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

## 4. **Dissolution of the Latin American Studies Co-operative Education Program (S.24-48)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the dissolution of the Latin American Studies Co-operative Education Program in the School for International Studies within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

## 5. **Establishment of the Research Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on the French-Speaking World (S.24-49)**

Senate approved and recommended to the Board of Governors the establishment of the Research Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on the French-Speaking World for a five-year term.

## 6. **External Review Report for the Faculty of Health Sciences (S.24-50)**

Senate approved the Action Plan for the Faculty of Health Sciences that resulted from its external review.

## 7. **Program Name Changes for the French Cohort Programs and Program Changes (S.24-51)**

Senate approved the program name changes from:

<https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-36589>

- French Cohort Program in Public and International Affairs French Major with a Political Science Extended Minor to French Cohort Program in Public and International Affairs French and Francophone Studies Major with a Political Science Extended Minor in the Department of French within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
- French Cohort Program in Public and International Affairs Political Science Major with a French Extended Minor to French Cohort Program in Public and International Affairs Political Science Major with a French and Francophone Studies Minor in the Department of French within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
  - Program: French Cohort Program in Public and International Affairs French Major with a Political Science Extended Minor
  - Program: French Cohort Program in Public and International Affairs Political Science Major with a French Extended Minor

8. **Revised Terms of Reference for the Salish Weave Chair in Salish Art Practices (S.24-52)**  
Senate approved the revised Terms of Reference for the Salish Weave Chair in Indigenous Arts Practices and Pedagogies
9. **Suspension of Admission to the Archaeology and Indigenous Studies Joint Major (S.24-53)**  
Senate received Suspension of Admission to the Archaeology and Indigenous Studies Joint Major for information.
10. **Establishment of the Aquatic Research Cooperative (ARC) Institute and Termination of the Cooperative Resource Management Institute (CRMI) (S.24-54)**  
Senate approved the establishment of the Aquatic Research Cooperative (ARC) Institute for a five-year term and received Termination of the Cooperative Resource Management Institute (CRMI) for information.
11. **Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) Annual Report 2022/2023 (S.24-55)**  
Senate received the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) Annual Report 2022/2023 for information.
12. **Faculty of Science – Data Science Major and Honours (S.24-56)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved to revoke the upper and lower division requirement changes to the Data Science Major and Data Science Honours programs (SCUS 23-43ii / S.23-51 e. 3.ii).
13. **Spring 2025 High School Admission Requirement Changes for Beedie School of Business (S.24-57)**  
Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved changes to the Beedie School of Business Grade 12 admission course requirements, reassigning Calculus 12 from a List A course to a List B course, effective Spring 2025.

#### 14. Undergraduate Program Changes (S.24-58)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program changes, effective Fall 2024:

##### i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

###### a) *School of Computing Science*

- Program: Software Systems Major

##### ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

###### a) *Cognitive Science Program*

- Program: Cognitive Science Major
- Program: Cognitive Science Honours
- Program: Cognitive Science Minor

###### b) *Economics*

- Program: Economics Major
- Program: Economics Extended Minor
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Honours
- Program: Business and Economics Joint Major
- Program: Political Science and Economics Joint Major
- Program: Economics Honours

###### c) *English*

- Program: Creative Writing Minor
- Program: Writing and Rhetoric Certificate

###### d) *Global Humanities*

- Program: Global Humanities Major

###### e) *History*

- Program: History Minor
- Program: History Extended Minor

###### f) *Economics, Linguistics, Philosophy, and Political Science*

- Program: Social Data Analytics Minor

##### iii) Beedie School of Business

- Program: Business Minor
- Requirement changes to the Course Access Information and Grade Requirements
- Program: Mechatronic Systems Engineering and Business Double Degree Program
- Program: Business Minor (effective Fall 2025)
- Requirement changes to the Course Access Information and Grade Requirements (effective Fall 2025)

- Program: Business Major
- Program: Business Honours

**iv) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**

**a) *School of Interactive Arts and Technology***

- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Major BA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Major BSc
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Honours BA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Honours BSc
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Second Degree BA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology Second Degree BSc
- Program: Communication and Interactive Arts and Technology Joint Major BA
- Program: Communication and Interactive Arts and Technology Joint Major BSc
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BA or BBA
- Program: Interactive Arts and Technology and Business Joint Major BSc

**v) Faculty of Health Sciences**

- Program: Health Sciences Major BA
- Program: Health Sciences Honours BA
- Program: Philosophy and Health Sciences Joint Major
- Program: Health Sciences Minor
- Program: Health Sciences Honours BSc
- Program: Health Sciences Major BSc

**vi) Faculty of Science**

**a) *Biological Sciences***

- Program: Environmental Toxicology Minor
- Program: Biological Sciences Major
- Program: Biological Sciences Honours

**b) *Mathematics***

- Program: Applied Mathematics Major
- Program: Applied Mathematics Honours
- Program: Mathematics Major
- Program: Mathematics Honours
- Program: Mathematical Physics Honours
- Program: Operations Research Major
- Program: Operations Research Honours
- Program: Mathematics and Computing Science Joint Major
- Program: Mathematics and Computing Science Joint Honours

**c) *Molecular Biology and Biochemistry***

- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Major
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry Honours

- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Computing Science Joint Major
- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry and Computing Science Joint Honours

**d) *Statistics and Actuarial Sciences***

- Program: Actuarial Science Major
- Program: Actuarial Science Honours
- Program: Statistics Minor
- Program: Data Science Major
- Program: Data Science Honours

**15. Undergraduate New Course Proposals (S.24-59)**

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Fall 2024:

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

**a) *School of Sustainable Energy Engineering***

- Course (new): SEE 465

**ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

**a) *French***

- Course (new): FREN 203, 302, 303, 365, 401, 445, 450, 465

**b) *Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies***

- Course (new): GSWS 103

**c) *Sociology and Anthropology***

- Course (new): SA 219

**iii) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**

**a) *School of Interactive Arts and Technology***

- Course (new): IAT 360, 460, 461

**iv) Faculty of Environment**

**a) *Geography***

- Course (new): GEOG 267 (effective Spring 2025)

**v) Faculty of Science**

**a) *Statistics and Actuarial Sciences***

- Course (new): ACMA 231, 421

## 16. Undergraduate Course Changes (S.24-60)

Senate received information that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2024:

### i) Faculty of Applied Sciences

#### a) *School of Sustainable Energy Engineering*

- Course (description): SEE 230, 251, 351, 411
- Course (description, equivalency, prerequisite): SEE 410W

### ii) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

#### a) *Economics*

- Course (equivalency): ECON 103, 105, 335
- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): ECON 201
- Course (prerequisite): ECON 222, 331, 333

#### b) *Gerontology*

- Course (prerequisite): GERO 404, 407, 409, 450

#### c) *Global Humanities*

- Course (description, equivalency): HUM 101W, 102W, 130, 219, 312W, 333W
- Course (description, prerequisite, equivalency): HUM 277
- Course (description): HUM 105, 106, 110, 121, 161, 162, 203, 211, 220, 222, 231, 240, 305, 309, 311, 320, 321W, 325, 330, 340, 349, 360, 375, 382, 476
- Course (title, description): HUM 150, 151, 202, 232, 331, 350, 387
- Course (description, prerequisite): HUM 226, 304
- Course (title, description, equivalency): HUM 209
- Course (title, prerequisite, equivalency): HUM 275
- Course (equivalency): HUM 302W
- Course (prerequisite): HUM 204, 313, 314, 332
- Course (number, title, description, equivalency): HUM 345
- Course (title): HUM 359, 381
- Course (title, description, prerequisite): HUM 390
- Course (title, prerequisite): HUM 480

#### d) *Indigenous Studies*

- Course (description): INDG 353W
- Course (prerequisite): INDG 363, 383, 462

#### e) *Political Science*

- Course (description): POL 381

#### f) *Sociology and Anthropology*

- Course (title, description): SA 362
- Course (title): SA 388

**iii) Beedie School of Business**

- Course (prerequisite): BUS 217W, 312, 315, 316, 345, 441
- Course (prerequisite): BUS 314, 338, 347, 361, 374, 381 (effective Fall 2025)
- Course (title, description, units): BUS 311 (effective Fall 2025)
- Course (units): BUS 340, 341, 401 (effective Fall 2025)

**iv) Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology**

**a) School of Communication**

- Course (description): CMNS 210

**v) Faculty of Health Sciences**

- Course (prerequisite, equivalency): HSCI 319W
- Course (title, description, prerequisite): HSCI 496

**vi) Faculty of Science**

**a) Biomedical Physiology and Kinesiology**

- Course (prerequisite): BPK 408W

**b) Chemistry**

- Course (prerequisite): CHEM 120

**c) Molecular Biology and Biochemistry**

- Course (title): MBB 200, 420
- Course (title, prerequisite): MBB 440, 460

**d) Physics**

- Course (prerequisite): PHYS 141

**e) Statistics and Actuarial Sciences**

- Course (number, title, description, prerequisite, equivalency): ACMA 355, 470

**17. Graduate Program Changes (S.24-61)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following program change, effective Fall 2024:

**i) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

**a) Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies**

- Program: Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies PhD

**ii) Beedie School of Business**

- Program: Indigenous Business Leadership Executive MBA



- Program: Business Administration in Indigenous Business Leadership Graduate Diploma
- Program: Business Administration in Indigenous Business Leadership Graduate Certificate

**iii) Faculty of Environment**

**a) *School of Resource and Environmental Management***

- Program: Resource and Environmental Management MRM

**iv) Faculty of Science**

**a) *Molecular Biology and Biochemistry***

- Program: Molecular Biology and Biochemistry MSc

**18. Graduate New Course Proposals (S.24-62)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following new course proposals, effective Fall 2024:

**i) Faculty of Applied Sciences**

**a) *School of Computing Science***

- Course (new): CMPT 800

**ii) Beedie School of Business**

- Course (new): BUS 609, 613, 617, 619, 620

**iii) Faculty of Science**

**a) *Molecular Biology and Biochemistry***

- Course (new): MBB 747, 763, 765

**19. Graduate Course Changes (S.24-63)**

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved the following course changes, effective Fall 2024:

**i) Beedie School of Business**

- Course (equivalency): BUS 696
- Course (units): BUS 630

**ii) Faculty of Environment**

**a) *School of Resource and Environmental Management***

- Course (title, description, prerequisite): REM 670
- Course (acronym): REM 690, 691

**iii) Faculty of Health Sciences**

- Course (equivalency): HSCI 788

**iv) Faculty of Science**

**a) *Molecular Biology and Biochemistry***

- Course (title): MBB 700, 745

**b) *Statistics and Actuarial Science***

- Course (units): STAT 899

**20. Senate Committee Elections (S.24-64)**

Senate received a summary of the nominations, positions elected by acclamation, positions requiring an online vote, and outstanding vacancies for Senate committees.

The approved Senate minutes will be available online following the May Senate meeting. For more detailed information on each Senate item, please refer to the April 2024 Senate documents: <https://docushare.sfu.ca/dsweb/View/Collection-36589>.

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